## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ABSTRACT

Public Services - Irrigation & CAD Dept. — Allegations of irregularities noticed in execution of works relating to construction of anicut across Peddavagu stream — Violation of agreement conditions for execution of work by sublet Contractor "Integral Construction company, Vijayawada" and unauthorized payment of Rs.3.513 cores to EPC agency — Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) — Inquiry conducted — Disciplinary proceedings concluded — Imposing a penalty of 3% cut in pension for a period of (6) years — Orders — Issued.

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#### IRRIGATION & C.A.D. (Vig.II-A.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 695

Dated: 16-09-2015 Read the following:

Ref: 1. From the Director General (Vig. & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt. G .A.D. Viglance Report No.10(1361/V&E/.E1/2006), Dt. 17-01-2008.

- G.O. Rt. Nos. 1613, I&CAD(Ser.VII(V&E)A1)Dept., dt. 12-10-2009
- 3. From Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE, EE(Retd.), WSD Dt. 5-01-2010
- 4. G.O. Rt. No. 299, I&CAD(SerVII.(V&E-1) Dept. dt. 17.3.2010
- 5. From Sri J. Satyanand, CE(Projects)Irrigation, LMD Colony, Karimnagar and Enquiry officers Lr. No. CE/Projects/Irrgn/Krmr/Confidenhal/996, Dt. 31-05-2011.
- 6. Govt. Memo No. 6788/Ser.VII.(V&E)A.1/2008-9, Dt.10-01-2012.
- 7. From Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.)Explanation, Dt. 03-03-2012.
- 8. Govt. Memo No.6788/Ser.VII.(V&E)A.1/2008-10,Dt.16-06-2012.
- 9. From Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) Representation Dt.16.11.2012
- 10. Govt. Memo No. 6788/Ser.VII(V&E)A1/2008-11, dt. 05-01-2013
- 11. From Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) Representation, Dt.22.01.2015
- 12. Govt. Lr.No.6788/Vig.II-A1/2008-16, dt. 25-06-2015.
- 13. From the Secretary, TSPSC, Hyd. Lr.No.469/RT/TSPSC/2015, dt. 21-08-2015.

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# ORDER:

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that certain engineers of I&CAD Department have committed certain irregularities in execution of works relating to construction of a anicut across Peddavagu stream by Violating agreement conditions for execution of work by sublet Contractor "Integral Construction company, Vijayawada" and unauthorized payment of Rs.3.513 cores to EPC agency. The GA(V&E) Department have therefore recommended to initiate appropriate disciplinary action against the engineers responsible for the above said irregularities.

- 2. After examining the entire matter, it has been decided to initiate disciplinary action against the engineers responsible. Accordingly, in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) along with other engineers by way of issuing Articles of charges, inviting their written statement of defence thereon.
- 3. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) and other engineers have submitted their WSD denying the charges framed against them. After examining the WSD of the charged officers, it has been decided to conduct a detailed Inquiry into the charges framed against them. Accordingly, in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri J. Satyanand, Chief Engineer(Projects)Irrigation, LMD Colony, Karimnagar has been appointed as Inquiry Officer.
- 4. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report stating that the charges framed against Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) are held as not proved.
- 5. After examining the inquiry report, it has been decided to deviate with the findings of the I.A. on the following disagreement factors:
  - i. It indicates that having sublet the work to M/s Integral Construction company (ICC) Vijayawada unauthorisedly, the EPC agency M/s Gammon India Ltd in an attempt to regularize the subletting submitted proposal to the Superintending Engineer, without verifying the justification for the proposals regarding eligibility of the sublet firm, the Superintending Engineer submitted the proposals to the Chief Engineer, Medium Irrigation. When the Chief engineer called for the detailed of execution of similar works, they were never submitted. In the mean while the sublet firm continued the execute the work.
  - ii. The staff of sublet firm have no business to attend meetings on behalf of EPC agency, record measurements or endorse signatures on any official record, such as drawings etc. Their very presence is not acceptable unless they are officially authorized. Hence allowing such unathorised presence and allowing their signatures on official record amounts to accepting the sublet which is an irregularity committed by the Superintending Engineer as well as by the Executive Engineer.
- 6. Accordingly in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above, while communicating a copy of the inquiry report along with the above disagreement factors of the Govt. with the findings of the Inquiry Officer, Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) has been directed to submit his explanation, if any, thereon.
- 7. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) has submitted his explanation with a request to drop further action against him.
- 8. After examination of the explanation of Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.)., it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of (5) years against him as his explanation is not convincing. Accordingly, in the references 8<sup>th</sup> read above, show cause notice has been issued to him with a direction to submit his representation, if any, thereon.

- 9. In the reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) has submitted his representation with a request to drop further action against him.
- 10. After examination of the representation of Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE(Retd.), it has been observed that the irregularities committed by him and the Contractor, not only caused undue delay in the ongoing works, but also resulted in the escalation of costs, and in turn caused a huge and recurring loss to the exchequer. Therefore, it has been decided to revise the above said proposed penalty to the extent of 3% cut in pension for a period of (6) years instead of 2% cut in pension for a period of (5) years on Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) for the irregularities committed in execution of works relating to construction of a anicut across Peddavagu stream in Violation of agreement conditions for execution of work by sublet Contractor "Integral Construction company, Vijayawada" and unauthorized payment of Rs.3.513 cores to EPC agency.
- 11. In the reference 10<sup>th</sup> read above, a revised show cause notice has been issued to Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) with a direction to submit his representation if any on the revised penalty of 3% cut in pension for a period of (6) years.
- 12. In the reference 11<sup>th</sup> read above, Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) charged officer has submitted his representation with a request to drop further action against him. After examination of the same, it has been confirmed the above Said revised penalty, as his representation is not convincing.
- 13. Accordingly, in the reference 12<sup>th</sup> read above, the Secretary, TSPSC has been requested to place the above proposal before the Commission and communicate the concurrence of the Commission thereon.
- 14. In the reference 13<sup>th</sup> read above, the Secretary, TSPSC has communicated the concurrence of the Commission. (copy enclosed)
- 15. After careful examination of the entire matter, it has been decided to impose a penalty of 3% cut in pension for a period of (6) years against Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) (Retd.). Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of 3% cut in pension for a period of (6) years on Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.) for the irregularities committed in execution of works relating to construction of a anicut across Peddavagu stream in Violation of agreement conditions for execution of work by sublet Contractor "Integral Construction company, Vijayawada" and unauthorized payment of Rs.3.513 cores to EPC agency.
- 16. The I&CAD(Ser.II) Department / the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), I&CAD Department, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

## (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

## SHAILENDRA KUMAR JOSHI PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To Sri N. Satyanarayana Rao, SE (Retd.), **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), I&CAD Department., Hyderabad The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), I & CAD Dept., Hyderabad.

The I&CAD(SerII) Dept.

Copy to:

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The Secretary, TSPSC, Hyderabad.
The General Administration (V&E) Department

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, TVC, Secretariat, Hyderabad SC/SF

//FORWARDED : BY ORDER//

**SECTION OFFICER**